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UN calls for 'billionaires tax' to help world's poor

UNITED NATIONS (AFP)

- The United Nations yesterday called for a tax on billionaires to help raise more than \$400 billion a year for poor countries.

An annual lump sum payment by the super-rich is one of a host of measures including a tax on carbon dioxide emissions, currency exchanges or financial transactions proposed in a UN report that accuses wealthy nations of breaking promises to step up aid for the less fortunate.

The annual World Economic and Social Survey says it is critical to find new ways to help the world's poor as pledged cash fails to flow.

The report estimates that the number of people around the globe worth at least \$1 billion rose to 1,226 in 2012.

There are an estimated 425 billionaires in the United States, 315 in the Asia-Pacific region, 310 in Europe, 90 in other



North and South American countries and 86 in Africa and the Middle East.

Together they own an estimated \$4.6 trillion so a one percent tax on their wealth would raise more than \$46 billion, according to the report.

"The 'average' billionaire would own \$3.7 billion after paying the tax. If that billionaire spent \$1,000 per day, it would take him or her over 10,000 years to spend all his or her wealth," the report says.

It says that the wealth of billionaires grew at an average rate of four percent a year in the two decades before the 2008-2009 financial crisis.

But the UN acknowledged that the idea is unlikely to get widespread support from the target group, saying that for now its tax on the unimaginably wealthy remains "an intriguing possibility."

Aruba purposes to improve Dutch Kingdom relations...says Jaime Saleh

One of the speakers at the first Dutch Kingdom symposium held here at the Dr. Edward Cheung Center for Innovation was former governor of Curacao, Professor Jaime Saleh. Professor Saleh was governor of the Netherlands Antilles, President of the Common Court and is Professor Emeritus of the University of Utrecht.

Jaime Saleh's speech captioned, "A unified vision of the added value of the Kingdom in a unified future," captured the attention of the elite audience.

In his introduction Saleh indicated that the time has come for the Dutch Kingdom to adopt a common vision of the added value of all partners in the Kingdom, so that, with fresh dynamism for our communities we can achieve a better future. According to Saleh, "...Dynamism is an essential element in a community. It generates development. It affords the society the opportunity to accelerate change. Dynamism works in conjunction with advancement and creativity. Dynamism increases opportunities for everyone. Hence, with respect to the Kingdom, our ambition must be a better future for everyone in the Kingdom."

The government of Aruba leading the way:

Saleh had high praise for the government of Aruba whom he asserts has taken the initiative to organize this symposium in cooperation with the University of Aruba. Saleh remarked that, in recent times, it is the government of Aruba that has taken the lead to improve relations in the Kingdom and to give more substance to



Professor Jaime Saleh

our relations.

According to Saleh, Curacao and Sint Maarten, on the other hand, are involved on other areas and is not giving much attention to our Dutch relations. But, he stated, it is very important for the countries in the Kingdom to remain active in this matter for the benefit of our communities.

In the first conference on the Dutch Kingdom back in December of 2011, it was decided that we must work diligently on developing a new

confidence in the future of our communities within the Kingdom.

The islands in the Caribbean have chosen to remain in the Dutch Kingdom and they must work on this relationship. Problems which continue to be repeated and the lack of confidence are no longer necessary within the Kingdom, according to Saleh, if the parties behave as they ought as members of a greater community, the Dutch Kingdom.

Jaime Saleh made extensive mention of the term "autonomy." In his view, autonomy in the relationship with the Kingdom is relative. As long as the islands are together in a community such as the Kingdom, we are obliged to work together, and where necessary, help each other. Durable cooperation based on mutual respect and understanding with a focus on the process of necessary changes will result in every part of the Kingdom being good places in which to live.

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Cruise executives are impressed with Aruba



Recently Aruba was present at the PAMAC Summit of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association. This time the meetings were held in Panama. At the beginning of June, the operational committee of FCCA which consists of Michelle Paige, President of FCCA, Federico Gonzalez-Denton of Royal Caribbean Cruises and Stephen Nielsen of Princess

Cruises, visited Aruba as a guest of the government, ATA and APA. The purpose of their invitation to come to Aruba was to provide them with first hand information regarding the different projects and investments that Aruba is making to make Aruba a most outstanding destination.

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Aruban Denise Geerman dreams of singing one day with Il Volo



Last Tuesday, Fundacion Desaroyo Educativo Comunitario (FDEC), closed out the academic year 2011-2012 with their traditional musical concert in the Cas Di Cultura. The Minister of Social Affairs, who was one of the large audiences at the concert, remarked that the government is pleased to provide subsidy to this organization because of the important role they are playing in our community. FDEC offers numerous courses in art and music taught by qualified teachers at affordable prices. Their prices are affordable simply because they are subsidized by the government. In this way they are able to meet the needs of many more people who want to develop a talent or ability.

Art and music is not just a hobby, it is the development of the total person, according to Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar. One of the young people who are working diligently to develop her talent and realize her dream for the future is Denise Geerman.

Denise is a student of song who wants to develop her soprano voice and to learn well how to use her voice. She doesn't just go to classes, she also trains every day. She recognizes that daily practice is essential for the correct development of her voice.

Denise indicated in an interview, that she dreams of a future singing. She had hoped to sing with Pavarotti one

day, however, that is no longer possible. She is an admirer of Il Volo and hopes one day to be able to sing with this young tenor soloist.

Denise is especially pleased with her training and develop-



ment from FDEC and encourages other young people to consider the many musical and other offerings of FDEC and to not let their talents go to waste.

Sterven is overgaan naar een nieuw leven

Dankbaar dat verder lijden haar bespaard is gebleven, geven wij er kennis van dat, in de middag van 29 juni 2012, heel vredig van ons is heengegaan, onze allerliefste zus, tante, nicht en vriendin

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Forms of cooperation:
The Dutch Kingdom must demonstrate her added value by allowing each member to stand stronger in this dynamic world. For this reason it is good for us to work together. Together we must demonstrate what the added value of the Kingdom is. Then the size of the islands becomes less relevant. What becomes essential is a strong leadership of knowledgeable

people, ability, capacity and integrity. Likewise, having a serious vision becomes essential in order to sustain ambition and the expectations of the entire community and to be able to develop sustainable strategies. For this reason we must search for a consensus on a particular manner of co-operation.

Good governance and the maintenance of law must function as the pivotal norms

in statutory relations. Citizens have no value in goals if they have no substance. Each citizen wants to live in a society where prosperity, welfare and respect dominate...a society that affords them the opportunity to prosper.

Relationship with the EU: LGO, LGO new format of UPG:

Prof. mr. Saleh expounded on the topic of LGO/LGO, the new format of UPG. With reference to a practical application of the importance of the added value of the Kingdom, this will imply the European Union as well. The islands in the Caribbean has an LGO relationship with the European Union (EU), which according to the Council of States is valid until the end of 2013. In Aruba discussions are ongoing as to which status to choose. Some prefer the UPG status, while others want to maintain the LGO status. The vision of the current government of Aruba, presented December 2010, states that, in order to complement the relationship with the

Dutch Kingdom, the relationship with Aruba and the EU must be converted into a strategic partnership.

Saleh quoted the Aruba government in stating..."In order to realize such a partnership there must be a change of thinking by Aruba, but also by the partners in the Kingdom. As long as many in Aruba lack confidence in the political incentive and we fail to recognize that a relationship with the Kingdom or with Europe is a win-win situation, it will be difficult to develop such a strategic partnership."

It appears, according to Saleh, that the vision seems to be moving towards an LGO new style. The government of Aruba is of the opinion that a final decision will have to be the result of an island wide referendum.

A good wine:

In his concluding remarks, Professor Jaime Saleh made reference to an article in the book, "Veranderend Curacao" (1999), in which then Plenipotentiary Minis-

ter, Eduard 'Dito' Mendes de Gojuveika said, "...the statutes may be compared to wine which needs time to mature before it can be drunk. The process of maturation is in full bloom. We are in search of the best temperature for the 'bouquet' of this noble wine to develop in the most optimal manner for it to be later savored in the best ambiance. It is important to treat this wine with the respect it deserves. After almost 45 years we must be capable of putting into practice both the letter and spirit of the Statutes. It is an art to allow the bouquet of the Statute to come to fruition."

Saleh concluded his eloquent discourse stating that after almost 55 years, the time has come for citizens of the Dutch Kingdom to savour the bouquet of this wine and that all governments and countries in the Kingdom must actively and concretely work together to put into practice that which promotes prosperity and welfare for all the peoples of our communities.

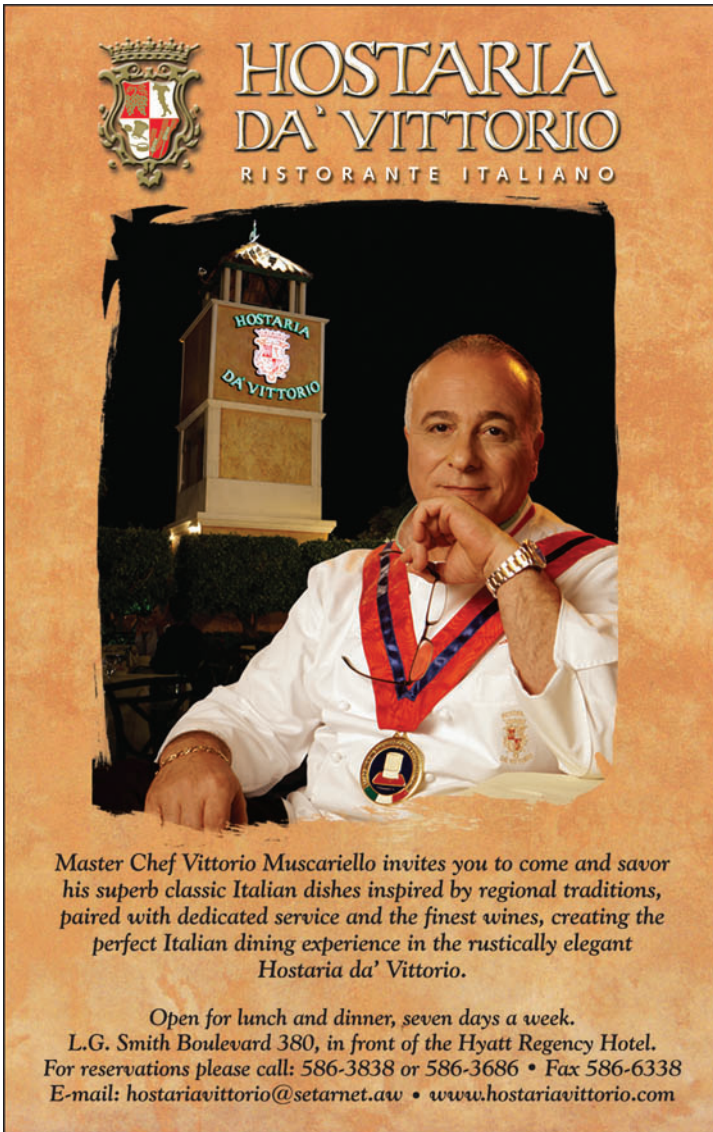


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Cruise execs impressed

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Aruba was represented by Gloria Vega, Cruise and Niche Market Manager of Aruba Tourism Authority and Alfonso Boekhoudt, Director of Aruba Ports Authority. The week was replete with activities and events and tours to become familiar with Panama as a destination. They embarked on, among others, a city tour, a tour of the Panama Canal and a pleasant journey in the Gatun Train, as well as a visit to the expansion of the Panama Canal.

During the final PAMAC meeting, Gloria Vega had the responsibility to present the different projects and investment programs of Aruba to the entire FCCA committee, to executives of cruise lines and other platinum members present.

The reaction of those present was extremely positive with comments of surprise and admiration for Aruba as a destination. They applauded Aruba for its diligent efforts to make this a pleasant and happy island to visit and conveyed their congratulations to the government of Aruba.



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Venezuelan Consul and expatriates on Aruba celebrate their Independence Day



Head Consul Jesus Javier Arias Fuenmayor

July 5 marks the day when a statement was adopted by a congress of Venezuelan provinces in 1811 declaring independence from Spanish rule. Venezuelan expatriates on Aruba and island dignitaries, including Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol, Prime Minister Mike Eman,

and President of Parliament Paul Croes joined Venezuelan Consul General Dr. Jesus Javier Arias Fuenmayor at the Center Bolivariana in Oranjestad yesterday morning to observe the Venezuelan Independence Day.

The official observance of the day began in the shadow of the impressive statue of Latin America's great liberator, Simon Bolivar. It was a simple tribute, with the placing of commemorative wreaths from various groups.

The consular body of the Venezuela on Aruba, consisting of Ludy Perez, and Vice Consuls Amabel Lugo, Yolimar Villalba, Claudia Acacio, Orlando Luzardo, Merici Rondon, Jhonny Angulo and Suyin Fernandez joined Consul General Fuenmayor in placing the memorial wreath on behalf of their homeland. Prior to this part of the ceremony, 2 minutes of silence were observed in the name of those who died so Venezuela could achieve independence from Spain.

Following the wreaths, Consul Fuenmayor addressed the gathering, providing a brief history of Venezuela's struggle 201 years ago, and Bolivar's pivotal roll.



Consul Fuenmayor with Governor Refunjol, PM Eman and Vice Consul Lugo

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Venezuelan and Aruban flags



On behalf of the Indigenous People of Venezuela

Zulay van Poppel celebrates 30 years of loyal government service



Recently, Mrs Zulay van Poppel-Marquez celebrated her 30th anniversary as a civil servant. After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering in the Netherlands, Mrs. van Poppel began working at the Department of Public Works (DOW) in June of 1982 in Building and Housing Supervision. In 1994, Mrs. van Poppel graduated as Legal Expert from the University of Aruba and in October 1997 she was promoted as Manager Building and Housing Supervision.

From October 2001 until October 2009 Mrs. van Poppel was a parliamentarian in the Aruba legislative body. After holding two terms in parliament she went back to the management team of DOW, where she has worked as a

lawyer representing the department in all legal issues.

At DOW, Mrs. Van Poppel is known as a person of great integrity; responsible, always ready to work and attentive to her co-workers.

Management of DOW extends its congratulations to Mrs. Zulay van Poppel-Marquez for her 30 years of service with the government and thanked her for all that she did for the department and the community of Aruba.

Photo shows DOW Ing. Jossy Figaroa handing to Mrs. van Poppel the customary envelope in presence of Marlon Croes, Eric Vrolijk, Madox Thönissen and Peter van Poppel, husband of Mrs. van Poppel.

Joseph and Phyllis Richford honored by ATA at the Tamarijn Beach Resort



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a ver nice, loyal couple at the Tamarijn Beach Resort as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees are Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Phyllis Richford from NY. The couple has been visiting Aruba for 12 consecutive years and are repeat guests of the Tamarijn Beach Resort. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority in presence of Mr. Francis Ridderstap and staff of the Tamarijn Beach Resort.



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Bonaire delegation expected here for powerful Trade Mission

ORANJESTAD -- A large delegation consisting of Dutch representatives from the Dutch government in charge of the BES islands (Bonaire St. Eustatius and Saba), the insular government of Bonaire and the private sector of Bonaire, were expected to arrive on Aruba as of yesterday Wednesday to attend a Trade Mission. This mission was organized by the Aruba Trade & Industry Association (ATIA) and the Bonaire Chamber of Commerce. This commercial mission has the full support of PriceWaterHouseCoopers and the CATC. Both of these companies have operations on Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

The Trade Mission is scheduled to take place on Thursday and Friday in the Westin Resort. A rather large delegation has been invited from Bonaire; more or less 40 have been invited from the

public and private sectors. Together they will be sharing information about the business and investment opportunities on Bonaire, and for doing business on Bonaire.

A large number of business people and government departments from Aruba have been invited.

There will be ample opportunity for match-making, business to business style, during the two mission days.

From the Dutch government, Wilbert Stolte of the "Rijksoverheid" (Dutch Kingdom representative) for the BES Islands will be there. From the Insular government of Bonaire, Deputy Burney el Hage and Silvana Servilla will be here for the mission. Also a large delegation from the Bonaire Chamber of Commerce is expected. The Bonaire Tourism Corporation, Department of Taxes of

the *Caribisch Nederland*, Bonaire Employers Association and of course a long list of Bonaire business people will also be in attendance for this magna Bonaire Trade Mission on Aruba.

Esther Pezij-Broeksema, of the International Desk at ATIA Aruba, expressed great satisfaction for the interest shown from both Bonaire business people as well as from our own local businesses for this commercial mission. Apart from the many opportunities that will be created for doing business with Bonaire and Aruba, a number of agreements of cooperation will be signed between the government of Aruba and Bonaire, between government entities of both islands and between businesses of both islands.

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International News

Mexicans await definitive presidential election result



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Enrique Pena Nieto hoped definitive election results expected Thursday will confirm his victory in Mexico's presidential election, while challenger Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

held out for a shock reversal.

Officials at the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) were hard at work tallying the final results, which included a vote-by-vote recount of results at more than half of the country's polling stations.

Lopez Obrador has refused to concede, sparking fears of a repeat of the aftermath of the 2006 presidential election, when he lost by less than one percent, claimed fraud and organized mass protests that virtually paralyzed Mexico City for more

than a month.

Vote results were being projected in real time on giant screens in the IFE's football-field sized press room, especially set up for the election. State and local election results were projected on smaller screens, one for each of Mexico's 32 states.

Preliminary results from Sunday's vote showed Pena Nieto, from the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) with 38 percent against 31 percent for Lopez Obrador, the candidate for a leftist coalition led by the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD).

An anti-PRI "mega march" has been announced for Saturday in Mexico City via online forums and flyers handed out in the street, but it is unclear who is organizing it.

The PRI was synonymous with the Mexican state as it governed for seven decades until 2000 using a mixture of patronage, repression, rigged elections and bribery.

Lopez Obrador has accused the PRI and Pena Nieto's campaign of orchestrating a massive scheme to influence the vote that included distributing 1.8 million gift cards.

Voters in the presidential and legislative elections Sunday allegedly showed PRI officials cell phone pictures of their paper ballot to "prove" they voted for the PRI, and received gift cards in return.

Before the vote, the PRD filed an official complaint over alleged PRI gift cards to be used at gasoline stations. Separately, the PAN filed a complaint over alleged PRI bank cash cards. The PRI in turn filed complaints against both its rivals alleging gifts to voters.

Pena Nieto, who declared victory late Sunday, inherits a country beset by a brutal drug war and an economy struggling to create jobs.



MONTREAL (AFP) - Canadian police confirmed that a head found in a Montreal park does belong to the Chinese student victim in the "Canadian Psycho" murder and dismemberment case. It is the last remaining body part of the victim to be recovered in the gruesome case that started in May with a hand being mailed to the ruling Tories' party headquarters in Ottawa and culminated in a global manhunt for the suspect. Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, last month pleaded not guilty to killing Lin Jun -- a Chinese student at Montreal's Concordia University -- in an appearance via a video link from a Montreal detention center where he has been held since his capture. The suspect is thought to have then carved up the victim's body, sexually abused the corpse and filmed the act, before posting the video on the Internet.



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch members of parliament on Thursday approved amended legislation to ban the breeding of mink for fur after a campaign spanning some 13 years and a wrangle over time frames. First suggested in a motion in 1999, the bill was approved by parliament's lower house in 2008 but failed to get the nod from the upper house because of a 2018 deadline it proposed. The draft law now extends the closure of some 170 mink breeding facilities to 2024 and compensates owners for their demolition as well as people who invested in the trade for their pensions, said Dutch Party for the Animals MP Esther Ouwehand.



ASUNCION (AFP) - Paraguay has officially withdrawn its ambassador to Venezuela after accusing Caracas of trying to incite a military intervention to prevent the impeachment of president Fernando Lugo. Paraguay also declared the Venezuelan ambassador to Asuncion "persona non grata" -- a formality given that the envoy had already returned to Venezuela. Lugo's hasty impeachment has been widely condemned by Paraguay's neighbors, who insist he was denied due process, and they have suspended Asuncion from the Mercosur trading bloc and the UNASUR Union of South American countries. The new government led now by President Federico Franco has accused Venezuela of meddling in its affairs, saying Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro directly urged the military leadership to intervene in the recent political crisis. Venezuela -- which has roundly condemned Lugo's impeachment and has since cut off oil exports to Paraguay -- has denied the allegations. Photo shows Paraguay's Defence Minister Maria Liz Garcia de Arno speaks during a press conference.



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China joins Russia in staying away from Syria talks

DAMASCUS (AFP) -- China joined Russia yesterday in boycotting a meeting aimed at coordinating efforts to stop the bloodshed in Syria, where three senior army officers were among more than 150 people reported killed in 48 hours.

Moscow confirmed that some Western countries had asked it to offer Syrian President Bashar al-Assad a haven in exile, saying it had dismissed the idea as a "joke."

In Beijing, foreign ministry spokesman Liu Weimin said China would not attend the so-called "Friends of Syria" gathering in Paris today. China "at present does not consider attending the meeting," Liu said.

Russia has also said it will stay away from the meeting after accusing the West of seeking to distort a weekend deal by world powers in

Geneva aimed at achieving a transition of power.

The Paris meeting follows one in Tunis and another in Istanbul, both of which called in vain for tougher action against Assad's government.

China did not attend either of those meetings, in which the United States, France, Britain, Germany and Arab nations Saudi Arabia and Qatar lead a group of more than 60 members, including most EU states and many Arab League nations.

China backed Russia in Geneva on insisting that Syrians must decide how the transition should be carried out, rather than allow others to dictate their fate, and did not rule out Assad remaining in power in some form.

The West has said Assad should not be part of any new unity government.

Russian Foreign Minister

Sergei Lavrov confirmed that Western nations had asked Moscow to offer Assad asylum and that the idea was first raised by German Chancellor Angela Merkel during June 1 talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Our side thought this was a joke and responded with a joke -- how about you, the Germans, take Mr Assad instead," Lavrov said during a press appearance with his German counterpart, Guido Westerwelle.

Lavrov said he was "quite surprised" when the idea was raised again during the meeting in Geneva on Saturday.

The foreign minister also repeated Russia's displeasure with the slow pace of reforms pursued by its Soviet-era ally, but again argued that any attempts at forced regime change were doomed to end in even greater violence.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Florida teen shooter granted new bail

MIAMI (AFP) - George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer facing a murder charge over the high-profile shooting of an unarmed Florida black teen, was granted new bail yesterday set at \$1 million.

Zimmerman, accused of second degree murder for shooting dead 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in February, was expected to be released late yesterday after posting the 10 percent of the bail amount required by law, his lawyer said.

The defendant and his wife Shellie "have about \$211,000 in an account that his legal team is using for defense purposes," the lawyer, Mark O'Mara, said.

Zimmerman, 28, has pleaded not guilty, claiming that he acted in self-defense when he shot dead Martin during a confrontation in Sanford, Florida.

Zimmerman told police he had been tracking Martin, whom he had viewed as suspi-

cious, and shot and killed the teenager after being assaulted by him.

Witnesses reported seeing a scuffle but it is not clear who threw the first punch or what ensued.

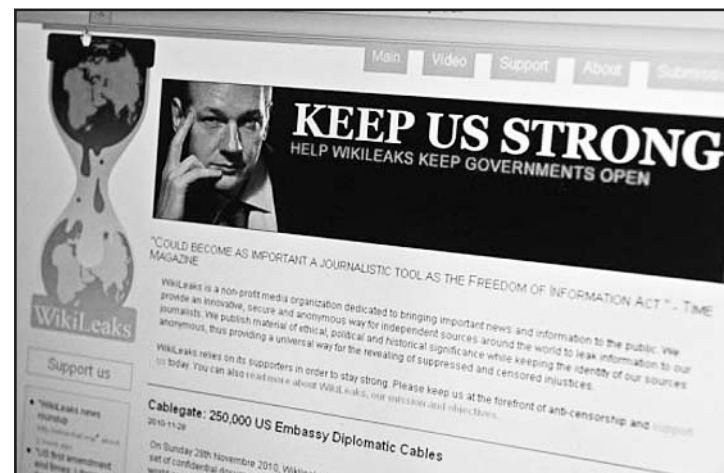
The case caused consternation, mainly over authorities' initial reluctance to press charges against Zimmerman, who insists that he acted within his rights in self-defense under Florida's controversial stand-your-ground law.

Zimmerman was freed on a \$150,000 bond in April, but had his bond revoked after he and his wife were accused of lying about funds they had raised through a website.

The racially-charged case - the victim was black, the shooter half-white, half-Hispanic -- set off a wave of protests before police finally arrested Zimmerman on April 11 and charged him with second-degree murder.

Sanford police chief Bill Lee was fired last month over the response to the incident.

WikiLeaks begins publishing two million Syria emails



A view of the WikiLeaks website.

LONDON (AFP) -- WikiLeaks yesterday began publishing more than two million emails from Syrian political figures which could shed light on a crackdown that has killed thousands.

The whistleblowing website said the first emails from Syrian political figures, ministries and companies were from August 2006 and the final ones dated March 2012, a year after the current bloody uprising in Syria began.

"The material is embarrassing to Syria, but it is also embarrassing to Syria's external opponents," said WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who is currently holed up in Ecuador's

embassy in London seeking political asylum.

"It helps us not merely to criticise one group or another, but to understand their interests, actions and thoughts," he added in a written statement read out at a press conference in London.

"It is only through understanding this conflict that we can hope to resolve it."

The latest disclosures could illuminate the workings of the Syrian regime and its interactions with allies in the run-up to and during the 16-month conflict, which the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says has claimed more than 16,500 lives.

Health & Living

EU parliament condemns China forced abortions

STRASBOURG (AFP) - China's one-child policy has given rise to unacceptable forced abortions, European MPs said Thursday, condemning the case last month of a mother forced to abort late into her pregnancy.

In a resolution, the European Parliament said it "strongly condemns" both the case and "the practice of forced abortions globally and especially in the context of the one-child policy".

Abortions in China are illegal beyond six months but, as a result of strict population control that favours baby boys, sex-selective abortions are widespread.

The practice has "created an imbalance between the numbers of men and women, negatively impacting all of Chinese society," the parliament said.

In June, authorities in northern China's Shaanxi province forced 27-year-old Feng Jian-

mei to terminate her pregnancy at seven months because she could not pay a 40,000 yuan (\$6,300) fine for exceeding the population control policy.

A picture posted on the Internet of Feng lying on a hospital bed with her blood-smeared foetus next to her sparked outrage in China and around the world.

Seven officials have since been given "administrative sanctions".

European MPs called for an independent inquiry into infanticide and forced abortions in China.

The one-child policy came into force in the late 1970s to limit explosive population growth. Today, China is the world's most populous nation -- home to nearly 1.35 billion people.



The OraQuick In-Home HIV test is expected to be available from October at 30,000 American retail outlets, its manufacturer said, with the kit allowing people to obtain a result within 20 to 40 minutes. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the company that makes the kit, OraSure Technologies, hailed the approval as a major advance in detecting Human Immunodeficiency Virus infections. The test procedure involves taking an oral fluid sample collected by swabbing the upper and lower gums inside a person's mouth, placing the sample into the kit's developer vial and then waiting for the result. The FDA noted that a positive result from the test does not mean a person is definitely infected with HIV, but rather that an additional test should be done in a medical setting to confirm the result.

Lifeguard in Florida fired after saving drowning man

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A young lifeguard in Florida has lost his job after rescuing a drowning man in a section of beach he was not assigned to patrol, local news media reported Wednesday.

Tomas Lopez, 21, was manning his post on Hallandale Beach, north of Miami, on Monday afternoon when a beach-goer alerted him to a swimmer struggling in an "unprotected" part of the beach.

"It was a long run, but someone needed my help. I wasn't going to say no," said Lopez, quoted by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel newspaper and WFOR television on their websites (www.sun-sentinel.com and miami.cbslocal.com).

The unidentified man was rescued, then rushed to hospital where he remains in intensive care. But when Lopez went to

file an incident report, he was fired for going 500 yards (meters) out of his assigned area.

"They didn't tell me in a bad way. It was more like they were 'sorry, but rules are rules,'" Lopez said. "I couldn't believe what was happening."

"We have liability issues and can't go out of the protected area," explained a supervisor for the private contractor that supplies lifeguards for Hallandale Beach, a popular destination for Canadian winter holiday makers. "What he did was his own decision. He knew the company rules and did what he thought he needed to do."

No longer in a job that pays \$8.25 (6.60 euros) an hour, Lopez said he would do what he did again if he had to. "It was the moral thing to do," he said. "I would never pick a job over my morals."

Toulouse Jewish school student attacked on train

LYON (AFP) - A teenage student from a French Jewish school that was targeted by an Islamist serial killer this year was assaulted on a train in an attack condemned by the Jewish community.

The 17-year-old victim said he was beaten by two teenage attackers of North African origin on a Toulouse-Lyon train late Wednesday, according to a police source.

He said he was insulted and attacked after speaking on the phone to his brother, "who has a Jewish name". Passengers and railway staff intervened to stop the attack. The alleged assailants were detained Thursday in an army recruitment office in Lyon.

Toulouse city's Ozar Hatorah school, where the victim was educated, was targeted in March by serial killer Mohamed Merah, who was later killed by police after a 32-hour siege of his flat.

The president of the city's Jewish community, Ariel Benshemoun, expressed "dismay" about "a new anti-Semitism that is ravaging France".

According to interior ministry data, the number of anti-Semitic acts and threats in January-April was up 46 percent on the previous year in France, although the rising trend had flattened out since a peak in March.

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Canada bans foreign strippers



OTTAWA (AFP) - Foreign strippers will no longer be permitted to bare their breasts and shake their booties in Canada, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney announced.

Foreigners intending to work for strip clubs, escort services and massage parlors will, as of July 14, no longer be able to get temporary work permits, Kenney said in a statement.

The policy change aims "to

protect vulnerable foreign workers from the risk of abuse and exploitation in sex trade related businesses." It was included in an omnibus budget bill passed last month.

Also on Wednesday, Canada's human resources ministry unveiled new rules that will effectively prevent employers linked to the sex trade from hiring temporary foreign workers.

The government's failed 2007 attempt to ban foreign strippers drew catcalls from Canadian club owners who said they relied on hires from Eastern Europe and Asia to entertain their guests.

"Banning them from Canada just leaves them with fewer options to escape a life of poverty in their home country," one club owner told AFP. Several clubs now say they only hire homegrown talent.

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Researcher warns of Android phone 'botnet'



KDDI's Android OS based smart phone "IS-03" is displayed in 2010. Malware has been spreading on Android mobile phones that takes control of certain email accounts to create a "botnet" to send out spam, a security researcher said this week.

(AFP) - Malware has been spreading on Android mobile phones that takes control of certain email accounts to create a "botnet" to send out spam, a security researcher

said this week.

Microsoft security engineer Terry Zink said the malware has infected phones of users' Yahoo email accounts to send out spam messages.

Human Rights Council backs Internet freedom

(AFP) - The UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva passed its first resolution on Internet freedom on Thursday with a call for all states to support individuals' rights online as much as offline.

Despite opposition on the issue from countries including China, Russia and India, countries promoting the resolution hailed the support of dozens of nations ahead of its adoption.

"This outcome is momentous for the Human Rights Council," US ambassador Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe told reporters.

"It's the first UN resolution that confirms that human rights in the Internet realm

must be protected with the same commitment as in the real world."

The text had the support of 85 co-sponsors, 30 of whom are members of the HRC, Donahoe added.

Of the states that supported the initiative, Tunisia's ambassador Moncef Baati said it was particularly important for his country because of the role accredited to social networking websites in ousting president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in 2011.

Other countries that backed the resolution on the Promotion, Protection and Enjoyment of Human Rights on the Internet included Brazil, Nigeria, Sweden and Turkey.

"We've all heard the rumors, but this is the first time I have seen it -- a spammer has control of a botnet that lives on Android devices," Zink said in a blog post Tuesday.

"These devices login to the user's Yahoo Mail account and send spam."

He said the phones appear to be located in Chile, Indonesia, Lebanon, Oman, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Ukraine, and Venezuela.

"I've written in the past that Android has the most malware compared to other smartphone platforms, but your odds of downloading and installing a malicious Android app is pretty low if you get it from the Android Marketplace," he said.

"But if you get it from some guy in a back alley on the Internet, the odds go way up."

He added that users in the developed world "usually have better security practices and fewer malware infections than users in the developing world."

"I am betting that the users of those phones downloaded some malicious Android app in order to avoid paying for a legitimate version and they got more than they bargained for," Zink said.

"Either that or they acquired a rogue Yahoo Mail app."

A report earlier this year by the security firm AV-Test found some Android downloaded malicious code after installation and said this is more common in the Google Android system than in the Apple ecosystem which has stricter security policies.

Google has a security system known as Bouncer to scan for malware but some experts recommend additional protection for phones using the platform.



NANCHONG : Chinese rescue workers evacuate residents from their home in the flood-hit town of Nan-chong in southwest China's Sichuan province on July 5, 2012. China is hit by big downpours every summer often causing fatalities as seen in 2010, which saw the nation's worst flooding in a decade leaving more than 4,300 people dead or missing.

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BUDAPEST, Hungary : A young boy plays with water at a sprinkler to cool off at Szabadsag (Freedom) square of Budapest on July 5, 2012, as temperatures have reached 37 degrees Celsius.

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11. Truth, in China
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15. Cape Cod's ocean (abbr.)
16. Plastic flamingo's place
17. Illinois neighbor
18. "___ to the Chief"
20. Smelled terrible
22. Cousin, aunt, or uncle (abbr.)
24. Spats
27. Bony-plated animal
32. Internet service (abbr.)
33. Exaggerates
34. "Tell ___ story" (2 wds.)
35. Engage
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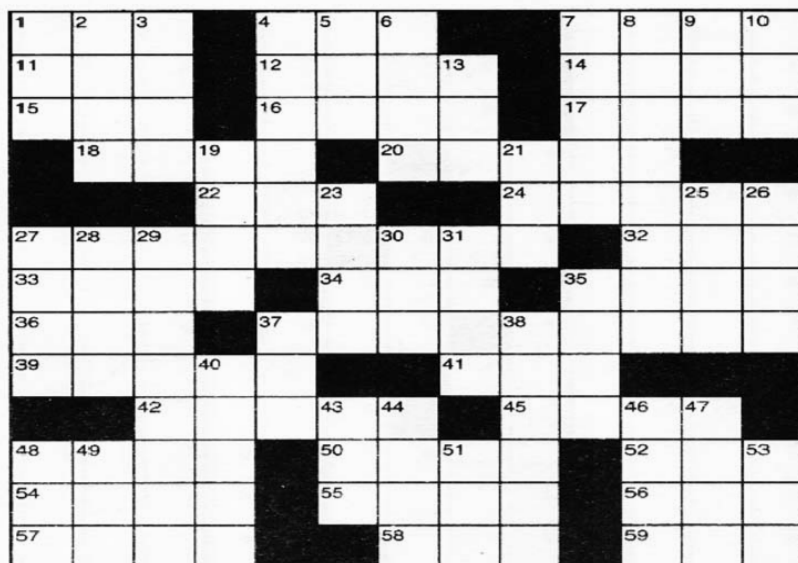
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2. Sworn promise
3. Singer Falana
4. Named
5. Gun lobby (abbr.)
6. Breaking

7. Singer Lopez
8. School fund-raising event (2 wds.)
9. Wind dir.
10. Coal size
13. Colony insect
19. Retirement accounts (abbr.)
21. From ___ Z (2 wds.)
23. Prom transport
25. Golf warning
26. Flexible Flyer
27. Exclamation of woe
28. Go by burro
29. Pediatrician's field
30. Cariou of "Blue

31. Mascara spot
35. ___ school
37. Flirtatious
38. Pool table target
40. Robert or Calvin
43. Basis of heredity (abbr.)
44. Vast ages
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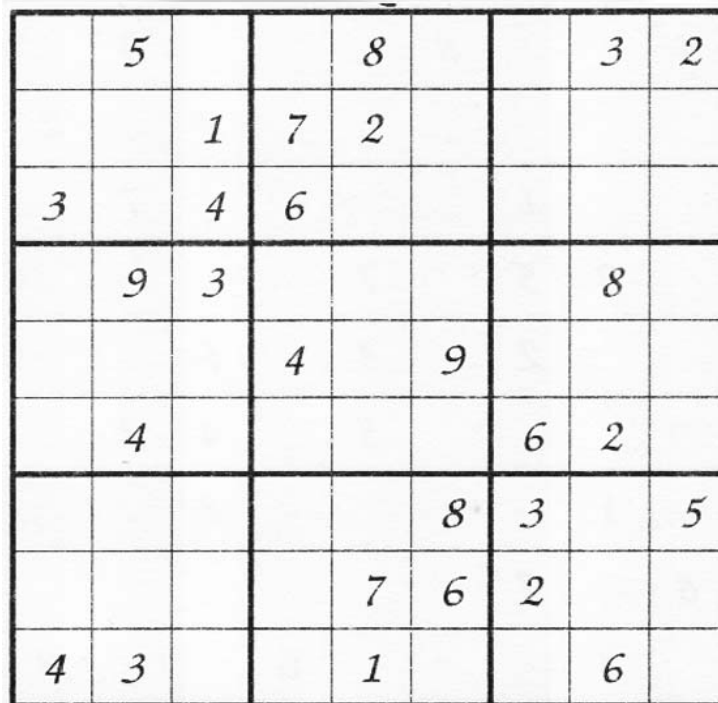
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US jobless claims fall but hiring remains hurdle

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Signs that layoffs in the United States may be easing, according to data published yesterday, raised hopes for the troubled jobs market, but weak hiring remains the biggest roadblock to recovery.

Faced with a sluggish domestic economy and threats to growth from Europe's debt crisis and China's slowdown, employers have been reluctant to add jobs amid the uncertainty.

A day ahead of the government's keenly awaited June labor data, the Labor Department reported a better-than-expected reading on initial claims for unemployment benefits.

New jobless claims -- an indicator of the pace of layoffs -- fell by 14,000 to 374,000 in the week ending June 30, the lowest reading since mid-May.

Another indicator, planned layoffs, fell to a 13-month low in June, and were 39 percent lower than the announced job cuts in May, global outplacement consultancy Challenger, Gray & Christmas said.

"Even with recent signs that the economy is headed for another summer slump or worse, including the first contraction in manufacturing activity in three years, employers appear reluctant to shed too many workers," said John Challenger, the company's chief executive.

Yet the problem is that even as layoffs may be easing, hiring remains dull.

In today's much-awaited June jobs market data release, analysts expect the unemployment rate to come in unchanged at 8.2 percent, with just 100,000 jobs added last month, after a meager 69,000 in the prior month.

"With the pace of job cuts generally improved from the height of the recession and

closer to a level consistent with growth, it is a lack of hiring that remains the biggest hurdle for the labor market," said Sara Kline at Moody's Analytics.

The fresh data on layoffs does hold out some promise, given the economy's weakness.

"While tomorrow's employment numbers may not be great, it is beginning to look like the labor market is not nearly as weak as feared," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Kline pointed to data from payrolls company ADP, which said yesterday that the US private sector added 176,000 jobs in June, 29 percent more than in May and better than economists' forecasts.

"In conjunction with the morning's upside surprise from ADP about net private-sector job creation in June, the lower initial jobless claims number... does bode well for strength extending into July," she said.

Nevertheless, there are recent signs of slowing growth in the economy from the first quarter's anemic 1.9 percent pace. Yesterday, the Institute for Supply Management delivered its second jolt of negative growth news for June.

After reporting Monday that manufacturing fell for the first time in three years, the ISM said that growth slowed in the services sector, which accounts for two-thirds of the world's largest economy.

The ISM's non-manufacturing index fell to 52.1 percent last month from 53.7 percent in May.

A reading above 50 indicates growth in activity in the non-manufacturing sector, which accounts for about 70 percent of the US economy. A number below 50 means contraction

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Moody's upgrades Nissan's credit rating

Moody's yesterday upgraded its rating on Nissan Motor, citing its profitability and global market position after the automaker bucked a trend of falling profits among Japanese car giants.

The global ratings agency said it upped its credit rating on the firm, part-owned by France's Renault, by one notch to A3 with a stable outlook, its seventh-best ranking on scale of 19.

"The upgrade reflects Moody's expectation that Nissan's new product cadence, its continuing focus on cost controls, and its commitment to building global brand value will enable (Nissan) to sustain the strong performance," in its latest fiscal year, Moody's said in statement.

But the agency also warned over the strong yen and slowing growth in China, Nissan's biggest market.



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BoE ramps up stimulus to fight recession, eurozone contagion

LONDON (AFP) - The Bank of England decided yesterday to pump out another £50 billion of stimulus cash, in a bid to haul Britain out of recession and ward off contagion from the eurozone sovereign debt crisis.

The central bank said in a statement that its nine-member Monetary Policy Committee had voted to increase its asset purchase program, known as quantitative easing (QE), by the equivalent of \$78 billion or 62 billion euros.

The bank announced that it will hike its QE stimulus policy to a total of £375 billion over the next four months, following the conclusion of its latest monthly meeting. The BoE also kept its main interest rate at a record low 0.50 percent. Both announcements had been expected by traders, resulting in muted reaction for both ster-

ling and London share prices.

"Britain's central bankers are worried that the UK economy may be pushed into a new credit crunch and a deeper recession due to the eurozone's worsening problems," said economist Melanie Bowler.

"The Continent's debt crisis threatens to spill across the Channel via Britain's strong trade and financial links with the region. With the UK government committed to austerity, monetary policy is the only tool available to bolster the economy."

Shortly afterwards, the European Central Bank stripped back its key interest rate to a new record low of 0.75 percent in a concerted attempt to help the eurozone weather the region's long-running debt crisis.

Across in Asia, meanwhile, China also cut interest rates for the second time in a month in a surprise move that analysts said may indicate the world's second-biggest economy was slowing more quickly than expected.

Explaining the reasons for its own policy decisions, the BoE noted yesterday that the British economy was struggling.

"UK output has barely grown for a year and a half and is estimated to have fallen in both of the past two quarters," it said. "The pace of expansion in most of the United Kingdom's main export markets also appears to have slowed. Business indicators point to a continuation of that weakness in the near term, both at home and abroad."

The bank added that "concerns remain about the indebtedness and competitiveness of several euro-area economies, and that is weighing on confidence here" in Britain.



Milagros Carbajo (R) is hugged by a supporter before being evicted from her home in Madrid. Carbajo, her husband Jose Luis Estevez and their three children were recently evicted from their house despite the efforts of the members of Mortgage Victims' Platform (PAH), who held a protest outside their apartment. The plight of over one million Spanish people facing a crippling mortgage debt is increasingly attracting public support, as an anti-eviction movement accelerates to put politicians under pressure to act. The posters read: "Stop evictions" (R), "Enough, let's stop evictions" (in black), "We rescue speculators and we condemn families" (bottom L).

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Venezuelan Consul and expatriates on Aruba celebrate...

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Folkloric Dancers.

Bolívar, born in Caracas on July 24th of 1783, was of Basque descent and a member of the local aristocracy. His father died when Simon was three, and his mother nine years later. Raised by relatives, he formed a deep friendship with Don Simon Rodriguez, a teacher and proponent of social reform, which would have a profound influence on Bolívar's life. Don Andrés Bello, whose teachings would also con-

tribute to Bolívar's developing humanist philosophy, also tutored him in his youth.

Simon Bolívar established himself in Europe after a one-year marriage at sixteen that ended with the death of his wife due to illness. He fervently pursued his studies and an active social life in Paris, but was reunited with his old friend and tutor Don Simon during that time. While on a trip together to Rome, the young Bolívar



Vice Consul Lugo with Head of Diplomatic Corp Andy Lee

swore an oath "that he would not allow his arm to rest nor his soul to die until he had realized his dream of liberating the South American world from Spanish dominion."

The war for the emancipation of Venezuela was fought from 1811 until 1823, with a civil war following between those wanting independence

and royalists faithful to Spain. The Declaration of Independence on July 5 made Venezuela the first of several South American nations to declare independence from Spain. Finally, it was officially achieved in 1830 after many bloody battles and great sacrifice.

Simon Bolívar is also considered the liberator of Colombia, Panama, Peru, Ecuador, and founded the nation of Bolivia. On December 10, 1830, in Cartagena, Colombia, Bolívar made his last public proclamation, which is considered his political testament. Death caught him by surprise one week later, after a life devoted to achieving freedom for his compatriots. His mortal remains, brought to Venezuela with great pomp in 1942, now lie in the National Pan-



Head Consul Fuenmayor and all vice consuls

theon in Caracas.

Following Consul Fuenmayor to the podium was Prime Minister Mike Eman to offer his congratulations to all Venezuelans on their important day, after which a cultural program of music by Plácido and Alberto accompanied a folkloric dance performance.

The Venezuelan consulate reports that Aruba is home to over 6000 legally registered expatriates, without counting the several thousand second generation, Aruban-born citizens who still feel a close spiritual tie with the Latin origins of their parents. Venezuelan Independence Day is an emotional occasion for many on Aruba.

by Rosalie Klein

4th of July Celebration

WASHINGTON-: US First Lady Michelle Obama high-fives a young girl during an Independence Day celebration for military members and their families and members of the administration hosted by US President Barack Obama on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, DC, July 4, 2012.

AFP Photo



Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

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high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange

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Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too

"You never get a second



Gouda Burger 2

chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

Cycling: US cyclists on Tour caught up in Armstrong case



Armstrong Tour de France seven consecutive winner

ROUEN (AFP) - Former teammates of Lance Armstrong, who has been charged with doping offences, have played down a report claiming they testified against the seven-times Tour de France champion and would receive six-month bans after admitting doping.

According to a report in Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf, Americans George Hincapie (BMC), Levi Leipheimer (Omega Pharma), Christian Vande Velde and David Zabriskie (both Garmin) have confessed to doping.

The report added that they testified against Armstrong

and would receive bans of six months beginning at the end of the season.

All four riders are currently taking part in the Tour de France, and are said to have given evidence in the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) investigation which has charged former US Postal team leader Armstrong with doping.

Jonathan Vaughters, another former US Postal rider who is now CEO of Garmin, is also at the Tour but denied the claims in the report.

Hincapie, a teammate of Australian Tour de France champion Cadel Evans, refused to directly comment on the report ahead of Thursday's

fifth stage from Rouen to Saint-Quentin.

Asked if he had spoken to Armstrong, Hincapie added: "I haven't in a while. I'm sad he's going through this. He's done so many things for the sport. His accomplishments are incredible."

The BMC team said earlier they had received no notification concerning an eventual suspension of Hincapie.

USADA has said previously that at least 10 former Armstrong teammates and associates would testify against him, but vowed to keep the names confidential.

A three-member independent anti-doping review board has found sufficient evidence to push forward with formal charges and a hearing against Armstrong.

Armstrong, 40, has always insisted he is innocent, saying he has passed more than 500 drugs tests.

Reacting to this latest twist he wrote on his Twitter page: "This isn't about @usantidoping wanting to clean up cycling - rather it's just plain ol' selective prosecution that reeks of vendetta."

Britain to get \$20bn Olympic boost

LONDON (AFP) - The London 2012 Olympics could give a £13 billion (\$20.2 billion, 16.3 billion euro) stimulus to the British economy over the next four years, Prime Minister David Cameron said Thursday.

Outlining his vision for turning the event "into gold for Britain," the premier said the country was set to host an



"outstanding Games" and that he expected their full cost to be recouped over time.

"It's what I'll be devoting my energy to. Making sure that we turn these Games into

gold for Britain," he said.

"Our inspiration for this should be the Festival of Britain in 1951, which was a showcase of national enterprise and innovation.

"Now, as then, we need to drum up business for Britain -- sell Britain to the world on the back of British success."

The government will use the Games, which run from July 27 to August 12, as an opportunity to host a raft of business summits and a global investment conference.

"I am confident that we can derive over £13 billion benefit to the UK economy over the next four years as a result of hosting the Games," said Cameron.

"I am certain that when you add in the benefits from construction the total gain will be even greater."

The figure, which is made up of expected boosts in sales, foreign direct investment and tourism, was calculated by UK Trade and Investment, according to a government spokesman.





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Football: FIFA approves goal-line technology

ZURICH (AFP) - Football's world governing body FIFA has agreed to allow the introduction of goal-line technology (GLT) at a meeting of the sport's executives here on Thursday.

The technology will be used at the Club World Cup in Tokyo in December, the Confederation Cup in 2013 and also the World Cup in 2014.

The decision means footballing authorities around the world can introduce the technology into their competitions, using either the Hawk-Eye or GoalRef systems that have been undergoing tests.

The English Premier League, the world's richest football league, welcomed IFAB's decision.

The development comes after FIFA president Sepp Blatter lent his weight to calls for the technology to be introduced

after Ukraine was denied an apparent goal against England in the recent Euro 2012 championships, losing 1-0.

Replays showed that Marko Devic's shot in the 62nd minute had crossed the goal line before being cleared by England defender John Terry.

Fans have called for years for the football world to embrace technology which would eliminate human error, citing its use in other sports including tennis and cricket.

But opponents to GLT included UEFA president Michel Platini, who said he preferred the system of five match officials, implemented for the first time at the Ukrainian championships and also agreed on by IFAB at Zurich.

Individual associations may yet decide whether to use the technology in their competitions. That means UEFA could still decide not to implement the system.

GoalRef utilises magnetic fields to determine whether a ball has crossed the line while the Hawk-Eye system is based on the use of cameras.

Gulf states applaud FIFA's Muslim veil decision

DUBAI (AFP) - The decision by world footballing authorities to overturn a ban on women soccer players wearing the Islamic headscarf was welcomed by several Arab states Thursday.

The International Football Association Board (IFAB), custodians of the rules of football, overturned its 2007 ban on the Islamic headscarf, or hijab, which it had argued was unsafe and increased the risk of neck injuries. New designs are secured with Velcro that experts have said eliminate the risk of serious injury.

The Kuwaiti women's football team, like those of the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain, plays in various international competitions.

Iran was at the forefront of the fight against the veil ban. It had complained to FIFA after its women's team was banned in June 2011 from playing in a qualifier against Jordan for the London Olympics.




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Boxing: Donaire meets Mathebula in unification showdown

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Filipino star Nonito Donaire, unbeaten for more than 11 years, will face South Africa's Jeffrey Mathebula on Saturday in a super bantamweight world championship unification fight.

Donaire, 28-1 with 18 knockouts, has won 27 fights in a row since 2001 and will make the first defense of the

World Boxing Organization crown he won last February in a split decision over Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Vazquez.

Mathebula, 26-3 with two drawn and 14 knockouts, is making the first defense of the International Boxing Federation title that he won last March in South Africa with a split-decision triumph over compatriot Takalani Ndlovu.

The bout is the first step in what Donaire hopes will be a unification march through the division.

Also on Donaire's hit list is unbeaten World Boxing Association super bantamweight champion Guillermo Rigondeaux, a 31-year-old Cuban who is 10-0 as a professional and won Olympic gold in 2000 and 2004.

Mexico's Abner Mares owns the World Boxing Council super bantamweight crown but the man he replaced as champion, Japan's Toshiaki Nishioka, will be at ringside on Saturday hoping for a bout with Donaire before retiring.

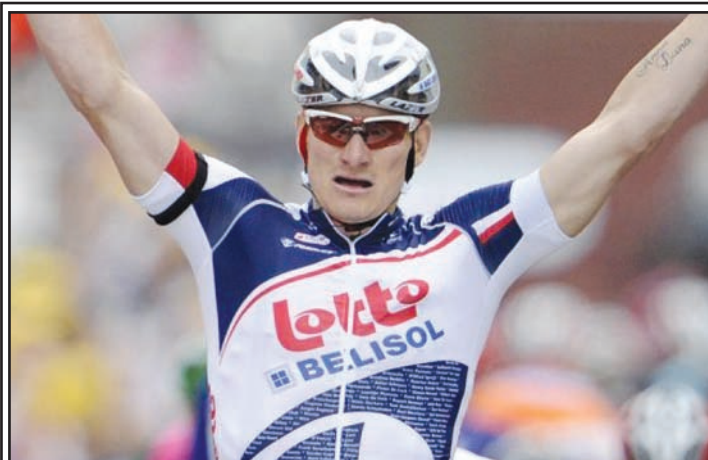
Nishioka, a 35-year-old southpaw, is 39-4 with three drawn and has won 16 fights in a row since last losing in 2004 to Thai legend Veeraphol Sahaprom.

For now, "Filipino Flash" Donaire has plenty to worry about in Mathebula, nicknamed "The Mongoose".

"I'm taller than him. I'm smarter and I think I'm faster," Mathebula said.

Donaire expects Mathebula will bring the fight to him.

"He's going to use his range and his height. He is going to go out there and throw combinations," Donaire said.



SAINT-QUENTIN, France (AFP) - Andre Greipel pounced late for the second successive day to claim the fifth stage of the Tour de France, with Fabian Cancellera holding onto the leader's yellow jersey. Lotto rider Greipel finished fastest to claim the sprint finish in a carbon copy of his win in Wednesday's fourth stage at the end of the 196.5 kilometre run from Rouen to Saint-Quentin.



PARIS (AFP) - Sprint star Usain Bolt has withdrawn from the Diamond League meet in Monaco on July 20, which was to have been his last outing before the London Olympics, after picking up a "slight problem" at the Jamaican trials. The defending 100 and 200m Olympic champion, and world record holder in both events, pulled up at the end of the 200m at last week's Jamaican Olympic trials. The 25-year-old briefly received medical treatment on the track after crossing the finish line on Sunday, trainers working on his legs before he got up and walked off. Bolt suffered a shock at the trials, being beaten into second in both the 100 and 200m by training partner Yohan Blake. "I will be in London to defend my titles in the 100, 200 and 4x100 metres. I want to congratulate my fellow Racers Track Club Members along with the other athletes who made the team. I thank everyone for their support." Bolt said.

Lin mulls rich pitch from Rockets

HOUSTON (AFP) - NBA free agent star Jeremy Lin, the Asian-American star who sparked "Lin-sanity" last February for the New York Knicks, has reportedly received a rich offer from the Houston Rockets.

The Houston Chronicle reported on Thursday that the Rockets, the former club of Chinese star center Yao Ming, were prepared to offer a back-loaded four-year deal for about \$30 million to the American of Taiwan and Chinese heritage.

No NBA contracts can be officially completed until July 11 but deal making continues and Lin, a point guard who met with Rockets officials on Wednesday, is far from certain to be leaving New York.

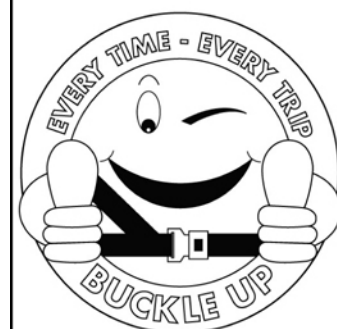
Lin, became a smash Broadway hit during last season after having been cut by two NBA clubs, including the Rockets, and being tucked away on the Knicks' bench.

Injuries to two starters allowed the former Harvard University standout a chance to play and Lin responded by sparking a seven-game Knicks win streak, his clutch shooting and passing skills earning him adoration from fans. "Lin-sanity" became a worldwide phenomenon and even after his role was reduced he served as an inspirational tale.

As a restricted free agent, Lin can field offers from rival clubs but the Knicks would be allowed to keep him by matching any offer he receives. That could make the price tag expensive to keep him.

Lin averaged 14.6 points and 6.2 assists a game last season for the Knicks.

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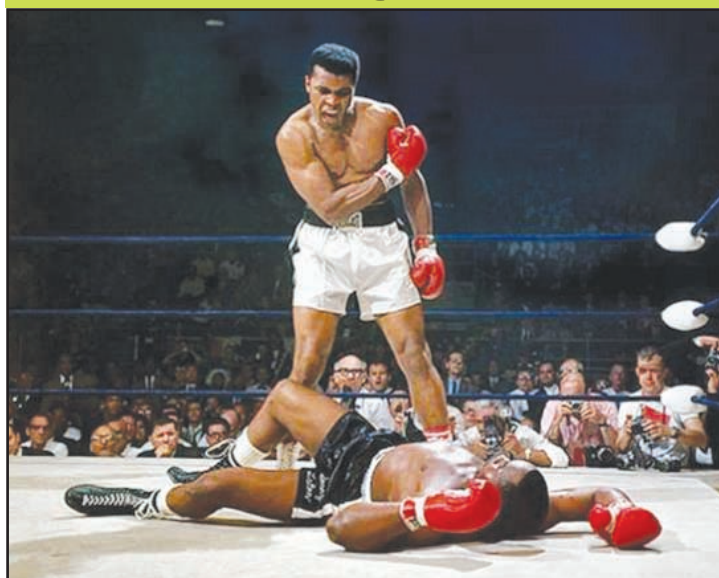
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Boxing: Ali to receive Liberty Medal



1965 - Ali vs. Liston II. One of the most unforgettable sports photos of all time, from one of the shortest heavyweight bouts ever. Ali knocked out Sonny Liston just a few minutes into the first round.

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Boxing icon Muhammad Ali will receive the 2012 Liberty Medal from the National Constitution Center, presented annually by the group to honor a champion of freedom.

The 70-year-old former heavyweight champion was stripped of his title and kept from boxing at the height of his career because he refused to join the US Army and fight in the Vietnam War in 1967.

The US Supreme Court reversed the decision in 1971, ruling his refusal stemmed from religious beliefs, and Ali reclaimed his crown before retiring from the ring in 1981.

Ali, who won Olympic boxing gold in 1960 at Rome, will receive the award September 13 at a ceremony on Independence Mall in Philadelphia.

"Ali embodies the spirit of the Liberty Medal by embracing the ideals of the Constitution -- freedom,

self-governance, equality, and empowerment -- and helping to spread them across the globe," said former US President Bill Clinton, chairman of the center.

Since his boxing career ended, Ali has worked for civil rights and cross-cultural understanding, having undertaken goodwill and humanitarian missions to such nations as Lebanon, Cuba, Afghanistan, Iran, South Africa, Iraq and North Korea.

"For more than half a century, Ali has been committed to fighting for peace, justice and civil rights for all in the spirit of this award," Philadelphia mayor Michael Nutter said.

The medal, first awarded in 1989, has been given to such figures as Clinton, rock singer Bono, former South African President Nelson Mandela, former US President Jimmy Carter, movie director Stephen Spielberg and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Aces high as Serena reaches seventh Wimbledon final

LONDON (AFP) - Four-time champion Serena Williams buried Victoria Azarenka under a record firestorm of 24 aces to reach her seventh Wimbledon final on Thursday.

The 30-year-old American claimed a 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) semi-final win and will on Saturday tackle third seeded Agnieszka Radwanska, the first Pole in a Grand Slam final in 73 years, aiming to claim her 14th major.

As well as a record 24 aces, beating her own best of 23 set against Zheng Jie in the third round, Williams also fired a whopping 45 winners.

She has now hit a total of 85 aces in the tournament.



Williams will start as the hot favourite on Saturday having beaten world number three Radwanska in their two meetings without dropping a set,

including the Wimbledon quarter-finals in 2008 where the American lost just four games.

"I've been working so hard, I really wanted it," said Williams, the first 30-year-old to reach the All England Club final since Steffi Graf in 1999.

Williams, who won the first of her four Wimbledons 10 years ago, insisted that the destination of the 2012 crown is far from a foregone conclusion even though she is widely expected to overwhelm the slender Radwanska.

The Pole made the final with a 6-3, 6-4 win over German eighth seed Angelique Kerber.

Only Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber, who made the quarter-finals, has hit more aces with 98.

Williams's 85 is one more than American men's 10th seed Mardy Fish who finished his campaign on 84.

Serena played two doubles matches on Wednesday with sister Venus, but showed no signs of fatigue against Azarenka, taking the first set courtesy of eight aces and 20 winners, while allowing her opponent just four points on serve.

That was the first set dropped by the 22-year-old Belarusian at the tournament.

1st time Champions



SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazil's Corinthians won the Copa Libertadores for the first time, defeating Argentina's Boca Juniors 2-0 in the second leg of the final before an ecstatic home crowd of 40,000 late Wednesday. The Corinthians prevailed 3-1 on aggregate as the two teams drew the first leg 1-1 in Buenos Aires last month. The Sao Paulo side had never previously gone past the semi-finals of the Copa Libertadores. The Corinthians, the reigning Brazilian champions, coached by Tite, also beat Vasco da Gama in the quarter-finals and did not lose a game on their run to the final. Their historic win sparked scenes of wild jubilation by tens of thousands of fans both inside the Pateo stadium and throughout this huge metropolitan area of 20 million people. Amid exploding fireworks, Captain Alessandro lifted the trophy and passed it on to his colleagues before they all set off on a victory lap as die-hard supporters danced and chanted: "The Cup is ours!" and "We are the champions!"